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PSC APPROVES EMERALD POINTE UTILITY COMPANY REQUEST

Jefferson City (December 7, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an application authorizing Emerald Pointe Utility Company to provide water and sewer service in an unincorporated area of Taney County. The Company is expanding its current certificated area and will serve a proposed residential development called Branson Canyon.

The PSC Staff recommended the application be approved. Staff indicated there is a need for the service being provided by Emerald Pointe Utility Company and that the Company has the technical, managerial and financial capacities needed to serve the proposed area. Staff concluded in its recommendation that Emerald Pointe's proposal to provide regulated water and sewer service will promote the public interest.

The Commission's order states: "Based on the application, and the recommendation of its Staff (PSC Staff), the Commission will approve Emerald Pointe's applications."

Emerald Pointe Utility Company currently provides service to approximately 260 water and sewer customers and is adding approximately 90 customers per year in its current service area located in Taney County near Branson. The Company believes that 281 new residential water and sewer customers will be connected in the new service area within six to eight years of operation.

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Case No. WA-2004-0581, et al.